



**YOUTH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BUREAU
GREAT FALLS YOUTH TRANSITION CENTERS
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Procedure No.: YTC 140-1	Subject: CORPORAL OR UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT (NOT ALLOWED)	
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I. CENTERS DIRECTIVE:

Under no circumstances should a resident be allowed to control other residents. Control of residents by residents leads to discipline and control problems and is prohibited. Staff may not use corporal or unusual punishments, humiliation, mental abuse, or punitive interference with the daily functions of living. This procedure will be reviewed annually.

II. DEFINITIONS:

None

III. PROCEDURE:

A. Resident Control over Residents

Residents shall never be delegated to supervise other residents, nor may they be used in discipline.

B. Corporal Punishment

Physical punishment, through spanking, hitting, slapping on any part of the body, or using a mechanical instrument or any likeness to inflict possible pain or injury, is prohibited.

C. Unusual Punishment

The following, among others, may be listed as unusual punishment and are strictly prohibited:

1. Humiliation: Staff shall not participate in or condone any action(s) toward a resident that may adversely affect the resident's dignity or pride or bring about shame or disgrace.
2. Mental Abuse: Staff shall be mindful of their verbal communication and shall avoid insulting words that would hurt or injure mentally any resident.
3. Punitive Interference with Daily Functions: Sanctions shall be avoided by staff that deny residents regular meals, sufficient sleep or exercise, medical care, correspondence privileges, or legal assistance.

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D. Disciplinary Procedure

Any staff participating in, condoning, or failing to report prohibited sanctions toward residents are subject to disciplinary action and may be suspended pending the investigation. Loss of employment may result.

IV. CLOSING:

Questions concerning this procedure shall be addressed to the Youth Transition Centers Director.

V. REFERENCES:

None

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

None